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1. A Communications Corps unit consisting of approximately 500 men, including 50 officers, is located in the southeastern outskirts of Silistra. This unit is commanded by a colonel and includes six or seven majors, approximately 20 captains, and other officers of lower rank.
2. There are two officers' schools in the compound of this unit, one training Communications Corps officers and other training Cavalry officers.
3. The Communications Corps school admits men with at least a secondary education after one year of service in a communications unit. The curriculum at this school is two years and each class has 60 students who receive the rank of second lieutenant upon completion of the course. The instructors are for the most part engineer-officers and they have at their disposal receiver and transmitter installations. This school is commanded by the same Bulgarian colonel who is in command of the Communications Corps unit. The school also holds regular refresher courses for reserve officers sent there by the various commands. The courses last 90 days and include 60 days study at the school and 30 days training in an artillery unit stationed in Silistra.
4. The Cavalry officers school admits men with two years service in a cavalry unit such as the one stationed in Silistra. The course lasts one year and each class includes 30 students. Upon completion of the course, graduates receive the rank of second lieutenant and are then transferred to a cavalry unit. The school is commanded by Colonel Grigorov (fnu), a Bulgarian.
5. Barracks located 500 meters west of the Communications Corps unit house the following units:
 - a. An unidentified cavalry unit, commanded by a major, has four squadrons of 30-35 men each; this unit includes approximately 30 officers; and

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- b. An unidentified artillery unit which is called a division (sic), is commanded by a major and has a strength of approximately 100 men; until 1952, this unit was equipped with light, long-barrelled guns; early in 1952 it received 12 Skoda 105 mm. howitzers with short barrels, each operated by a crew of three; the unit is also equipped with approximately 10 mortars and 20-30 machine guns; other units subordinate to this artillery division (sic) are stationed at Razgrad (N 43-32, E 26-31), approximately 100 kilometers southwest of Silistra.
6. The headquarters of the Border Guards for the Bulgarian-Rumanian frontier sector, which runs from Silistra approximately 50 kilometers toward Dobrich, are located approximately 500 meters east of the Communications Corps compound in Silistra. The headquarters staff is composed of approximately 100 men.

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